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Statement from Governor Jan Brewer
Presidents' Day

"On Monday, Arizonans and Americans take time to pay tribute to the visionary leaders who have helped shape this nation for more than 200 years: our presidents. Whether President Washington, who led us from tyranny and paved our path to liberty and freedom, or President Lincoln, whose unmatched courage and leadership saved the Union, our nation's leaders have guided us through the toughest of times.

"I'm reminded today of my favorite president and personal hero, Ronald Reagan. His eternal optimism and shining patriotism inspired millions of Americans and moved us toward an era of prosperity and growth. He truly believed America was the shining city on a hill, a beacon of freedom to which the whole world looks for example.

"Our greatest presidents put our country's hopes and dreams before their own. They demonstrated dignity and statesmanship even through the darkest of hours, and we felt assured under their leadership. As America strives to emerge stronger from our Great Recession, we should look to – and learn from – the optimism, humility and grace of our past leaders.

"I wish all Arizonans a wonderful Presidents' Day. May God continue to bless Arizona and the United States of America."

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